

happiness as they move on to the next phase of their life together.●

#### RECOGNIZING D & G MACHINE PRODUCTS, INCORPORATED

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I honor the work of a small business from my home State of Maine that produces innovative machine products used to expand the capabilities of factories in all sectors of our nation's economy. Founded in 1967 by Dave Gushee and Fred Loring in a one-car garage, D&G Machine Products, Incorporated, of Westbrook, is now responsible for producing the custom machinery vital to the operation of some of our nation's largest manufacturers.

With 79 highly-skilled employees and multiple facilities totaling more than 100,000 square feet, D&G's custom machine production has boundless possibilities. The company's highly trained designers utilize advanced engineering component modeling software to ensure an accurate and time-effective production process in creating a wide range of manufacturing equipment and machinery such as turbine parts, crank shafts, aerospace components, and food processing equipment.

The company also provides products to myriad companies in the pulp and paper, high technology, power, petrochemical, and defense industries. Furthermore, because D&G is a full-service manufacturer, they are capable of producing manufacturing equipment from a "build to print" template, or they can design, install, and implement a new manufacturing model based on a company's request. D&G's commitment to quality and stellar reputation has led to partnerships with numerous American manufacturing giants, such as Georgia-Pacific, General Dynamics, and Raytheon.

Notably, D&G's owner, Duane Gushee, sits on the Manufacturers Association of Maine's, MAME, Board of Directors. MAME does tremendous work to promote our State's remarkable manufacturers and to help them become increasingly more competitive. Additionally, as a member of the Maine Aerospace Alliance, one of MAME's key initiatives, D&G is working to bolster our State's fledgling aerospace industry, which relies upon heavy manufacturing and holds significant promise for Maine's economic future. D&G's equipment design ingenuity is also helping our country keep its waters safe as this innovative small business provides advanced, custom-designed manufacturing tools to the U.S. Coast Guard.

D&G has been consistently recognized for its commitment to quality and critical prowess in the manufacturing field. For example, in 2004, Mr. Gushee was recognized with the Southern Maine Community College Alumni Business Innovation & Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. In turn, D&G has given back to the community in many ways, including making generous yearly do-

nations to the Bruce Roberts Toy Fund, which goes toward the purchase of gifts for needy children.

Beginning as a garage business producing custom tools for manufacturers in Portland and becoming one of the most relied-upon manufacturing equipment suppliers in the nation, D&G and its founders Dave Gushee and Fred Loring provide us with a prescient example of the power of American ingenuity and determination. D&G's success is summed up by Duane Gushee's philosophy of "constantly modernizing"—words of wisdom for companies seeking to become competitive in today's challenging global marketplace. I congratulate everyone at D&G Machine Products for their invaluable service to our Nation, and I wish them continued success in the future.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which had previously been signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1818. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Steward L. Udall, and for other purposes.

H.R. 621. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

H.R. 2892. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1858. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

##### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 22, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1818. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in Na-

tional Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Steward L. Udall, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3437. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0165-2009-0178); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3438. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3439. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Addressing Poor Performance and the Law"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3440. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-37" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3441. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-190, "Loree H. Murray Way Designation Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3442. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-191, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3443. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-192, "Residential Aid Discount Subsidy Stabilization Temporary Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3444. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-201, "Pension Vesting Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3445. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-202, "National Guard Morale, Welfare and Recreation Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3446. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-203, "District Residency RIF Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3447. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report